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Accused released on strict bail conditions

COURTS An Edmonton man accused of sexually assaulting a woman at a downtown Halifax hotel this month has been released on strict bail conditions.

Andrew Norman Wilson, 21, a military engineer stationed at CFB Edmonton, is charged with sexual assault, aggravated assault, choking, forcible confinement and unlawfully being in a dwelling in the alleged incident at the Four Points Sheraton on April 3. In a bail hearing yesterday, Judge Bill Digby handed down conditions that include Wilson not being able to go off the Canadian Forces base in Edmonton unless escorted by police or a member of the military.

He is also not to be alone with females other than his mother or women he's assigned to work with. A \$2,000 cash bail was also posted. Wilson's next court appearance is set for May 27.

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Gunplay continues

Police plead for public's help in recent rash of shootings in HRM

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Ten shootings. Twenty-nine days. Zero people charged.

HRM has been home to plenty of gunfire in the past month, and a frustrated police force is calling on those who have information to come forward so those responsible can be brought to justice.

"We feel our citizens in our communities are our eyes and ears. They are very tuned into what is happening in their communities and we need them to continue coming forward and speak with police to help us stop this issue," Halifax Regional Police spokeswoman Theresa Rath said yesterday.

"We cannot do it on our own. It can't be just left to police. We have to rely on the community to support us and work with us."

HRM's latest shooting came early yesterday as a 34-year-old man was shot in the leg and taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries after two men wearing masks entered a home on Queen Street in south end Halifax around 1 a.m.

Police say the suspects fled on foot and couldn't be located. Investigators were hoping to get information as to what happened from the victim, but Rath said he isn't co-operating.

"We believe this is to be drug related — not random in nature," said Rath,



Halifax Regional Police officers investigate a shooting on Queen Street yesterday morning in Halifax's south end. A 34-year-old man was shot inside his home after two mask-wearing men forced their way in. The man suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

as police allege a large amount of marijuana was found inside the home, with the victim now facing drug charges.

She said cases like this where the victim isn't co-

operating has been a regular occurrence in these latest shootings.

"In many ways, it puts up a wall for us because we have to go about other ways to try and determine

what happened," Rath said. "We're left to piece it together without the victim."

Police have labelled all 10 shootings since March 16 as being not random. In

Wild east? Recent gunfire

- April 13: Shots fired inside home on Queen Street in Halifax. One man injured.
- April 9: Shots fired at car on Cain Street in North Preston. No injuries.
- April 8: Shots fired inside Catch a Look Clothing Barber Shop in Lower Sackville. No injuries.
- April 3: Shots fired at Uniacke Square in Halifax. No injuries.
- April 2: Shots fired at Uniacke Square in Halifax. Two injured.
- March 31: Shots fired at home on Abrams Way in Spryfield. No injuries.
- March 31: Shots fired at home on April Street in Westphal. No injuries.
- March 28: Shots fired at home on Lake Major Road in North Preston. No injuries.
- March 22: Shots fired at a home on Cain Street in North Preston. No injuries.
- March 16: Shots fired at Nova Court in Dartmouth. No injuries.

most cases, police believe people know who did the shooting, but aren't speaking up.

"A lot of these shootings, we don't receive a lot of co-operation," Halifax RCMP spokesman Joe Taplin said.

"A majority of the shootings, people know who was shooting at them or who the shooters were. And to not get that co-operation, it's very frustrating for police."

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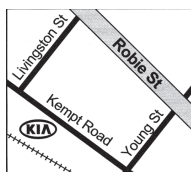
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Tourism data static from 2009

The Nova Scotia tourism statistics for January and February have stayed relatively close to last year's outcome, with figures coming in at 191,500. Figures released yesterday for January and February were down one per cent in room nights sold compared to 2009. Air travel was down 11 per cent compared to 2009 but the number of people traveling by road to Nova Scotia grew by six per cent.

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Four arrested in Dartmouth

FIREARMS Four people are facing charges after police made several arrests at a Dartmouth business yesterday morning.

Halifax Regional Police say at 10:55 a.m., officers saw three men inside a business in the 100 block of Main Street who are known to have contact with each other and are known to carry firearms.

Police say officers then entered the business and arrested two of the men. A third man, police say, ran out of the building and disposed of a firearm. He was arrested a short time later and police say they recovered a handgun.

A 16-year-old male was also arrested because police say he failed to comply with officers' commands.

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Coast must ID commenters

Be careful what you say online about this story.

A Nova Scotia Supreme Court judge says Internet anonymity shouldn't be a shield for legal actions and has ordered the weekly Halifax newspaper The Coast and Google Inc. to provide the identities of people who posted comments about Halifax's top firefighters.

The newspaper and Google said they would comply.

Fire Chief Bill Mosher and Deputy Chief Stephen Thurber are considering a defamation lawsuit against people who posted comments they say were defamatory on the website of the Coast.

The comments were in a discussion forum hosted by the Coast and were related to stories published in the paper about racism in the fire department. No defamation suit is being contemplated about the articles themselves.

The firefighters are also considering a lawsuit against the author of emails sent through a Gmail account.

Justice Heather Robertson of Nova Scotia Supreme Court swiftly



Kyle Shaw, editor of The Coast, stands in the elevator outside Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax yesterday. Justice Heather Robertson has ordered the newspaper's website and Google to provide details about the identities of anonymous commenters who may be sued for defamation.

granted the uncontested application yesterday, noting the Internet shouldn't provide any cover from legal actions.

Robertson said the court doesn't "condone the conduct of anonymous Internet users who make defamatory comments."

"They, like other people, have to be accountable for their actions."

The editor of the Coast, Kyle Shaw, says comments were taken off the website

as soon as Mosher's lawyers informed the paper that the fire chief found them defamatory. Shaw said an apology was also posted on the site.

Shaw said the paper will comply with the court order and provide the names and email addresses, as well as any Internet protocol addresses — identifying numbers for the Internet connections to a computer — once it receives a formal request from the

firefighters' lawyer.

Shaw says while he's willing to provide the identities, he won't change a policy that allows people to remain anonymous while posting their views on the website.

He said the policy allows others to notify website editors if inappropriate comments are made, and that editors can then decide whether to remove the comment.

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Mistrial ruled in smuggling case against lawyer

COURTS Justice Peter Bryson declared a mistrial yesterday in the case of a Halifax lawyer who allegedly smuggled drugs into a Dartmouth jail.

Anne Calder's defence lawyer applied for the mistrial, citing new evidence that compromised his client's ability to mount a defence, according to the CBC.

Justice Peter Bryson agreed in rendering his decision yesterday, saying the exclusion of the evidence would interfere with the court's role to seek the truth, and that a new trial is required.

The 56-year-old will return to court in May to determine a new trial date.

Calder is accused of smuggling drugs and tobacco to a client currently serving a term in the Nova Scotia Central Corrections Facility in Dartmouth. Calder said she didn't know the contents of an envelope she delivered last July.

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Justice minister agrees with web comments ruling

REACTION Nova Scotia's justice minister supports yesterday's court decision to unveil the names of anonymous online commenters who posted potentially defamatory statements on The Coast's website.

"We have a free society to express, to articulate our points of view freely. But if they're done in a malicious manner then you need to be held accountable for that," Ross Landry

said inside the Nova Scotia legislature.

Landry said he has no problem with news websites allowing anonymous commenting.

But he said it should offer no protection from libel.

"My point is when it crosses the line to somebody's integrity and they're making allegations against someone, then

they should stand up, stand behind their words and identify themselves," he said.

Premier Darrell Dexter, a lawyer himself, has been the subject of more than a few bashing from anonymous commenters.

He said the decision is an interesting case study and raises questions about how it can be en-

forced.

He agreed there is a personal responsibility to avoid defamation, but said it would generally apply only to individuals, not governments.

"In fact I would say in political life one of the most widely unread things are probably the comments that come in online," he said.

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Ross Landry

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A Cape Breton man convicted on contraband tobacco charges has been hit with \$361,924 in fines. Graham Leslie Toomey, 50, appeared briefly in provincial court in Sydney on Tuesday. An RCMP investigation into tobacco distribution in 2008 led to the seizure of 2,700 cartons of illegal cigarettes. **CAPE BRETON POST**

Translation services for legislature mulled

Incident between MLAs spurs politicians' support for simultaneous translation

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Politicians are discussing whether to offer French translation of legislature debates after an incident where one MLA told another to speak English.

Acadian Affairs Minister Graham Steele was asked on Tuesday a question by Wayne Gaudet, Liberal MLA for the Acadia region of Clare, about a French issue.

Steele answered in

French.

Afterwards, Tory interim leader Karen Casey rose to ask a question but first told

Steele to speak "in English so we can both understand."

French media picked up the story and in an interview with Radio Canada Tuesday afternoon, Casey said members should repeat anything they say in



Karen Casey

French in English as well so everyone can understand. Of the 52 MLAs, less than 10 are fluent in French.

Casey retracted her comments yesterday, saying she didn't mean any harm to French Nova Scotians. The Conservatives also joined with the Liberals in calling for a look into French translation services in the legislature.

Steele, also finance minister, initially said that would be too expensive but then said it's worth in-

"If members are willing to entertain the cost of cuts elsewhere in order to fund simultaneous translation, that's certainly something that would be a good conversation to have."

Acadian Affairs Minister Graham Steele

vestigating to find out the full cost.

"The question has come up before even in my nine years in the house, and it has always been rejected on the basis of cost," he said, noting the funding

would need to come from elsewhere in the legislature budget.

"If members are willing to entertain the cost of cuts elsewhere in order to fund simultaneous translation, that's certainly some-

thing that would be a good conversation to have."

Liberal MLA Michel Samson, an Acadian himself, said the province could likely get funding through federal language programs. He noted simultaneous French translation was done a few years ago so people could follow debate on a French services law.

"It's been done before, the province didn't come to a halt because of it. So it can be done again," said Samson.

Early opening of Public Gardens draws in visitors

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OUTDOORS The gates to the Halifax Public Gardens officially opened yesterday, a full month ahead of the usual date.

A warm winter and an even warmer spring contributed to the Gardens' early opening. Typically, the Gardens open in the second week of May, according to Brian Phelan, HRM's superintendent of parks and open spaces.

Despite the unseasonably warm temperatures last month, Phelan said a drainage problem on one side of the Gardens was preventing an early opening.

But there were no signs of problems yesterday. While the Gardens are certainly not up to their mid-summer glory just yet, plenty of people were out reading, walking and enjoying the weather.

McLean Comstock, a fourth-year pharmacy student from Halifax, said she



Corra MacKay reads a book while sitting in the Public Gardens yesterday. The Gardens opened early this year because of the warm weather.

was "ecstatic" the Gardens opened early this year.

"It is a little barren, there's not a lot of green-

ery on some of the trees," said Comstock. "(But) I'm an advocate for all-year opening myself ... It's nice

public space."

Arthur Osmond, of Dartmouth, said he thinks it's "fantastic" the Gardens

Next month

- While the Public Gardens are open, Haligonians will have to wait to enjoy the warm weather at the Dingle Tower. Sir Sanford Fleming Park is closed for repairs, including minor masonry work, and is expected to open next month, according to HRM officials.

opened early.

"Best thing that's happened this spring," said Osmond, who comes to the area every lunch hour in the summer. "It's perfect to get here a bit earlier. It's so nice. Sunshine, fresh air, the gardens are growing — it's gorgeous."

Osmond said while the Gardens may not be yet in bloom, he's glad they're open.

"I'm so grateful they did it," said Osmond. "It's not perfect the way they like it to be, but it's just ideal from the point of view of the person who wants to come and sit and really enjoy nature. It's just great."

New cards introduced to combat identity theft

DOCUMENTS The Nova Scotia government says driver's licences and photo ID cards will become more resistant to identity theft.

Access Nova Scotia Centres are starting to collect people's height and eye colour information for the documents.

The requirement kicks in today for anyone renewing or applying for a driver's licence and people looking to get a government ID card.

The new cards will be phased in at the centres at no extra cost.

The government says the move is part of an Atlantic provinces' joint venture to comply with national and international security standards.

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Province issues call for coal gas exploration

RESOURCES Nova Scotia is looking to expand its energy sector with a call for proposals for onshore coal gas exploration in Cape Breton.

The Tomkinsville parcel includes more than 64,000 hectares and proposals are being accepted until July 14.

Coal gas exploration agreements carry five-year terms with one five-year renewal option.

Energy Minister Bill Estabrooks says interest in onshore exploration continues to grow and the potential for the sector is "enormous."

The province has three agreements on land in the Stellarton, Springhill and Sydney Basin areas.

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Hunters' federation official argues coyote bounty would be a waste

WILDLIFE The head of the Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters says placing a bounty on coyotes would be a waste of money.

Tony Rodgers, the federation's executive director, says Natural Resources

Minister John MacDonell would be ignoring scientific advice from his own department if he went ahead with the proposal.

A decision is expected tomorrow.

Rodgers, whose group represents more than

6,000 hunters and recreational fishermen, says it's a mistake to think the province's 8,000 coyotes are getting more aggressive.

He says the real problem is that one of the coyote's main sources of food, the

snowshoe hare, is at the bottom of a seven-year population cycle and hungry coyotes are simply looking for food.

Rodgers says a cull is a waste of time because the population will only bounce back.

MacDonell has said he sees nothing wrong with a bounty and he's interested in working with the Trappers' Association of Nova Scotia, whose members caught almost 1,900 coyotes last year.

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Municipalities secure help from province to address unpaid debts

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BILLS Municipalities in Nova Scotia weren't having much luck tracking down bad debt, so they're turning to the province to help them out.

The province's debt-management division, made up of about 35 staff members, will now be in charge of going after unpaid municipal bills. This includes utility bills and bylaw infractions.

Municipalities hope this will help them track down

\$8M

Nova Scotia municipalities have a combined \$8 million in outstanding fines.

some of their combined \$8 million in outstanding

fines. The province has a 60 per cent success rate in tracking down unpaid debt. It will charge municipalities a 15 per cent fee on recovered debt, which is half as much as private debt collectors can charge.

The province has various measures it can use, such

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Tennis, anyone?

Construction on the first all-weather tennis facility in Atlantic Canada will begin soon in Rocky Lake near the Bedford Common. The Daniel Nestor Tennis Centre will feature two hard courts and four clay courts and is scheduled to open in November. **METRO HALIFAX**

Company charged in employee's death

WINDSOR A drug manufacturer in Nova Scotia is facing five health and safety charges in the death of a technician who handled a chemical compound.

Roland Daigle, 46, died in hospital on Oct. 7, 2008, after being exposed to vapours from trimethylsilyl diazomethane while doing a test at his work station at the Sepracor Canada plant in Windsor. The province's Labour Department said

yesterday it charged Sepracor with failing to ensure adequate personal protection equipment was in place in Daigle's work area, failing to ensure that an adequate venting system was in place, and failing to ensure he was instructed in the safe use of the chemical.

Sepracor is also charged with failing to instruct an employee in procedures for the safe handling of the substance in the lab and

failing to ensure that no person would disturb the scene of an accident after it occurred.

Susan Adler, a vice-president with Sepracor, said in an email that the company is reviewing the summons and will be seeking information from the Labour Department "to more fully understand the charges."

She said the provincial department has not made any recommendations with

respect to changes to the company's practices since an inspection.

"Sepracor continues to mourn Roland's loss as well as to extend its greatest sympathies to Roland's family and many friends," Adler said. Daigle's sister said the time since his death has been painful.

"Roland was taken from us far too soon," Lynda MacDonald said in a statement.

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Special needs program cut by one year

The families of Nova Scotia students with specific learning disabilities will continue to get tuition support from the province, although an advocacy group questioned the wisdom of reducing the funding period by one year.

An Education Department review released yesterday recommends the tuition support program be trimmed from the current four years to three.

There will be an option of a fourth, so-called transitional year if it's determined that students aren't ready to return to the public school system.

Launched in 2004, the short-term

funding program provides eligible families with \$6,600 to pay for tuition at spe-

specialized private schools that can run in excess of \$11,000.

Students accepted to the program have been diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, autism spectrum disorder and learning disabilities.

Wade Brummet, chairman of the Equal Education Association of Nova Scotia, said he's concerned about the province limiting the program's length.

"It's much like a physical disability, where you wouldn't take a wheelchair ramp away after three years," said Brummet.

"You can't expect kids with a learning disability

"It's much like a physical disability, where you wouldn't take a wheelchair ramp away after three years ... you can't expect kids with a learning disability to just somehow heal."

Wade Brummet, chair,
Equal Education
Association

to just somehow heal. It doesn't work that way."

Brummet, whose daughter Mikayla, 14, has spent five years at Bridgeway Academy in Halifax, said he's concerned about returning to a public system that can't match the attention his daughter receives in her specialized program.

The cost of the program which currently enrolls 160 students is \$1.37 million.

Education Minister Marilyn More said while valuable, the program is meant to be short-term and should be aimed at returning students to the public school setting.

She said the NDP government remains committed to improving special education programs in public schools and that's a main reason she rejected a review recommendation to expand tuition support to students with other impairments, including behavioural disorders and physical disabilities.

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Aging staff poised to catch up with Cape Breton

LABOUR POOL A lack of a succinct succession plan along with a workforce that's on the brink of a massive retirement is creating a perfect storm for the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

As council began its budget this week, it heard from the CBRM's director of engineering and public works Wayne MacDonald, who said 83 per cent of his payroll is made up of employees 55 or older.

"We're going to have a significant number of hirings over the next num-

ber of years.

"I don't know what the labour pool's going to be like in three or four years time when we're hiring 20 plus people a year," said MacDonald, who expects finding skilled technical workers will be a challenge.

Another troubling statistic is more than 90 per cent of the public works department is 45 or older.

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Toronto bus driver accused of assaulting passenger

A Toronto bus driver has been charged with assault after allegedly attacking a passenger in a fare dispute. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Guergis in limbo

MP's never been told why she was turfed: Lawyer

Helena Guergis has never been told what the serious allegations are that compelled the prime minister to eject her from caucus and call up the Mounties, her lawyer says.

Howard Rubel said neither the RCMP nor the government will say.

"Ms. Guergis looks forward to responding as soon as someone tells her what the allegations are," said Rubel, who has also represented Guergis' husband Rahim Jaffer.

Rubel said he called the RCMP in Ottawa this week and offered to respond if they would tell him and

Police erred?

- Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty suggests police made mistakes during Rahim Jaffer's arrest last fall.
- Reports say Jaffer was strip-searched and denied access to his lawyer.
- Charges of drunk driving and possession of cocaine were later withdrawn by the Crown. Jaffer was fined \$500 for careless driving.

Guergis what the allegations were.

Rubel would not comment on a CTV News report that Stephen Harper

took action against his minister after hearing about a drug-related matter, saying they would not respond to "rumours" or "gossip."

The report said a licensed investigator came across information related to the purchase and use of drugs and the potential threat of blackmail.

But CTV said it was not clear to whom the allegations pertained.

Guergis said she was shocked by the CTV report. "This is completely ridiculous and an example of rumours gone amok," she said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Karen Fraser, widow of Const. Michael Sweet, speaks in Toronto yesterday about privacy laws that shield the personal information his killer used to make a partially successful parole bid last month. Looking on is their youngest daughter Nicole Sweet, who was almost two years old when Craig Munro gunned down her father and left him to bleed to death in 1980.

Sad kin fight privacy gag

MURDER The family of a police officer who bled to death 30 years ago while his killer taunted police pleaded yesterday for changes to privacy laws.

They said the laws hide information on which the murderer made a partially successful bid for parole.

Backed by police groups, the widow and grown children of Toronto Const. Michael Sweet said Craig Munro's records should be as public as the killing was.

"Mike was murdered in a public place, Craig Munro's trial was public information, Craig



Munro's sentencing was public information," said Sweet's widow, Karen Fraser.

"However, as soon as Craig Munro was in prison, all information concerning Craig Munro became pri-

vate information under the federal government's Privacy Act."

In winning four unescorted passes into Kelowna, B.C., from his jail in Agassiz, B.C., Munro, 58, claimed to have reformed and accepted responsibility for his crime.

He told a National Parole Board hearing last month that he was drunk and high during the standoff, and didn't realize the police officer was dying.

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NASA is considering whether an emergency spacewalk by the crew of space shuttle Discovery is needed to clear a stuck valve in a critical cooling loop at the International Space Station, officials said yesterday. The nitrogen valve failed to open Tuesday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

World



'Third World' doesn't fit new reality

The head of the World Bank says it is time to stop using the term "Third World" to refer to developing countries and recognize they are an essential part of a new, fast evolving, multipolar international economy. Robert Zoellick, left, said the global economic crisis of 2009 showed the categorization of First and Third Worlds, donor and supplicant, leader and led no longer fit. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Gruesome task

Rescuers face challenges after China quakes

Soldiers and civilians used shovels and their bare hands to dig through collapsed buildings in search of survivors after strong earthquakes struck a mountainous Tibetan region of China yesterday, killing at least 589 people and injuring more than 10,000.

The series of quakes flattened buildings across remote western Yushu county and sent survivors, many bleeding from their wounds, flooding into the streets of Jiegu township. State television showed block after devastated block of toppled mud and wood homes. Local officials said 85 per cent of the structures had been destroyed.

Residents and troops gar-



Rescue workers search for survivors at the site of a collapsed building in Yushu county in western China's Qinghai province. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

risoned in the town used shovels and their hands to pull survivors and bodies from the rubble much of the day. Several schools collapsed, with the state news agency saying at least 56 students died. Tens of thousands of the town's

70,000 people were left without shelter, state media said.

The remote location posed logistical difficulties for rescuers. The area sits at around 4,000 metres and is poor.

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Thousands left homeless in India

DISASTER A cyclone packing winds of more than 160 km/h demolished tens of thousands of mud huts in northeastern India, killing at least 89 villagers, officials said yesterday.

The cyclone struck close to midnight on Tuesday in northeastern parts of West Bengal and Bihar states, uprooting trees and snapping telephone and electricity lines, West Bengal Civil Defence Minister Srikumar Mukherjee said.

Hundreds of people were injured and many thousands left homeless.

Devesh Chandra Thakur, Bihar state's minister for disaster management, said there was no cyclone warning from the weather department, so villagers were unprepared.

Television footage showed uprooted trees lying across shanties and sheets of corrugated metal ripped from the roofs of homes. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Another eruption for Iceland volcano

BLAST A volcano under a glacier in Iceland erupted yesterday for the second time in less than a month, melting ice, spewing smoke and steam, closing a major road and forcing

hundreds of people to flee rising floodwaters.

Authorities evacuated 800 residents from around the Eyjafjallajökull glacier as rivers rose by up to three metres. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

News in brief

POLAND The sense of unity spawned by the plane crash that killed Poland's president and dozens of the country's top officials has begun to fray, with controversy flaring over the choice of a burial site and suspicion spreading about the cause of the accident.

SCANDAL The Vatican yesterday tried to defuse growing anger over comments from the Pope's top aide on Monday linking homosexuality to pedophilia. A Vatican spokesman said the offending remarks weren't medical assertions, but based on statistics. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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The Mobius Environmental Awards luncheon will be held June 2, 2010 at Pier 21 in Halifax. The keynote speaker will be Silver Donald Cameron, one of Canada's most versatile and experienced professional authors. He is presently the executive producer and host of the environmental web site **TheGreenInterview.com**.

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This homework sounds appealing

Relating

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You learn so much on this beat. I'm informed, for example, that April is "Couple Appreciation Month." No doubt you

already have big plans.

If the idea of yet another contrived opportunity to fall short of your partner's expectations — one with a duration 30 times that of Valentine's Day — infuses you with a certain familiar dread, I can assure you that you are not alone.

Sex therapist Teesha Morgan, online host of the K-Y Intimacy Experiment, tried to allay my panic by explaining the difference.

"Valentine's Day is more

of a singular day that has a lot to do with the female, you know, wooing the girlfriend or the wife, or buying her flowers," she says. "I think Couple Appreciation is more of a joint thing for the man and woman. And longer lasting."

The K-Y Intimacy Experiment is an attempt to help couples rediscover what got them together in the first place.

It began in December with a survey of about 1,000

couples in relationships of three years or more. Of the respondents, 56 per cent reported their sex lives had taken a dive over time. Ninety per cent said they'd be willing to try something new, but few knew what.

That's where Morgan's experiment comes in. She takes three couples through a 12-week course of exercises designed to get them out of their usual routines and, hopefully, back into each other.

Watching the episodes online, it's light, fun viewing, employing many familiar reality TV tropes as couples take dance lessons, learn massage techniques and go shopping for lingerie together.

"Sometimes we get in little ruts in our relationships and throughout life, and being able to spice things up with even something simple like buying a new type of lingerie and going outside of your box can make

huge strides in a relationship," Morgan tells me. "Bringing back that little spark of something new I think is really important. You can't do the same thing over and over again and expect different results, right?"

You can check out the K-Y Experiment and download homework assignments for couples at youtube.com/ky.

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.

Views

Left? Right? Honk if you have an opinion

FourthWave

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I took a road trip this past weekend to the political heart of America: Washington, D.C. I knew I'd be in for some political amusement, between the circus of health-care reform, teabaggers, and financial meltdown.

And how! Seemingly

everywhere I turned everyone had opinions, flapping flags or placards; everything was up for debate!

I passed billboards and signs, either for or against everything: Bank bailouts, mortgages, abortion, politicians, Obama, Supreme Court nominations. Though my political stripes run liberal, I couldn't help but laugh at all the hyperbolic statements equally: A Prius in front of us was emblazoned with an "ITMFA" sticker — that is, "Impeach The Motherf—er (that is, George Bush) Already" next to an Obama-Biden 2008 de-

cal. The pickup truck next to it displayed a "Stop Kerry" relic (circa 2006) next to a Confederate flag.

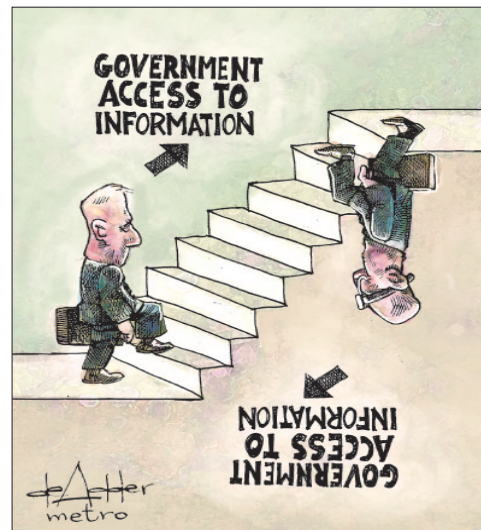
Perhaps it's all a byproduct of American values, or the two-party system that encourages people to take sides; maybe a country built on a people's revolution and the First Amendment can only inspire outspoken, black-and-white zeal.

We're complex human beings, capable of careful discussion and give-and-take. How can anyone possibly distill an opinion on, say, the health-care reform bill (which has more pages

than War And Peace) into a catchphrase? The reductive quality of a bumper sticker doesn't change anyone's mind — they are merely rallying points for the fervent, rather than talking points for the open-minded.

Though it's not my country's politics to meddle in, consider how Canadian politicians take cues from the U.S. Maybe it is worth a cautionary word or two. If only I could fit that statement on a bumper sticker.

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Oilsands deal gives China a veto

It appears the Chinese state oil company's deal to gain a stake in Alberta's Syncrude oilsands operation gives it a veto over whether to process bitumen in the province or export it. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Business

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Loonie closes above \$1 US



The Canadian dollar has closed the day's trading above parity with the U.S. dollar for the first time since May 2008, finishing up more than a quarter cent to 100.08 cents US.

The loonie has been supported by the relative strength of the Canadian economy, rising commodity prices and confidence that Canada has not taken

on more debt than it can handle — worries that persist for the United States and many European nations.

Economists don't expect the loonie to rise quickly to the heights it reached around \$1.10 US back in November 2007, but rather feel it will waver around parity for a while.

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Group says tarsands break NAFTA environment rules

ENERGY Green groups are taking their complaints about the Alberta tarsands to an environmental watchdog set up under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Environmental Defence Canada is spearheading the move to enlist NAFTA in the fight against the tarsands.

The group says it has filed a formal submission with the NAFTA Commission for Environmental Cooperation.

It complains that the

federal government isn't enforcing its own pollution rules against tarsands projects.

Matt Price of Environmental Defence says the trade body could take the failure to enforce the rules as a kind of subsidy for the tarsands, a no-no under the trade pact.

At the very least, he says, the submission could shame the government into action.

Price says tailings ponds, which hold tainted waste water from the tarsands

plants, leak billions of litres into streams and rivers every year.

The federal Fisheries Act prohibits pollution of fish-inhabited waters.

Price says the government has to be prodded to action. "It's failing to do anything, really, to clean up the tarsands," he says.

It could take months for the commission to decide whether to hear the complaint and a final decision could take years.

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RIM buys back shares

TECH Research In Motion Ltd. announced yesterday a buyback of two million common shares through private agreements with a non-related third-party financial institution.

The buyback, representing 0.36 per cent of common shares outstanding, is in addition to the 3.9 million shares that RIM has purchased through the Nasdaq since the beginning of April.

RIM said the latest buybacks substantially complete the \$1.2-billion US share repurchase program it announced last November.

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Barrick mine can continue for now

MINING Barrick Gold Corp. is welcoming a U.S. court decision that will allow the Toronto-based gold miner to go ahead with its Cortez Hills mine in Nevada.

A coalition of opponents had asked for a halt of work at the project while the U.S. Bureau of Land Management conducted a study of certain aspects.

Instead, Judge Larry Hicks came up with what Barrick calls a "more tailored" injunction.

Barrick won't shift ore off the Cortez Hills site for processing while the study is being conducted.

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Bombardier recovery slow

AEROSPACE Bombardier likely faces a slow recovery while other Canadian aerospace companies begin to prosper as a result of the rebound in commercial aviation, industry analysts said yesterday.

"There's at least another year, year-and-a-half of sluggishness in the business jet market, regionals got at least another sluggish year and then probably no real growth after that," Richard Aboulafia of the Teal Group said in an interview.

Among the positive signs for Bombardier is growing international air passenger traffic.

Traffic by the world's airlines was up 9.5 per cent in February on a capacity increase of just 1.9 per cent.

That was the sixth consecutive monthly increase in terms of year-over-year comparison and the biggest monthly increase yet.

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Indonesia High expectations



A worker carries wooden planks at an apartment construction site in Jakarta, Indonesia, yesterday. Indonesian finance minister Sri Mulyani Indrawati said that Indonesia's economic growth in the first quarter of this year was expected to reach at least 5.5 per cent, based on the 2010 growth target.

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Sports

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Glavic garners nomination

Former Saint Mary's Huskies star quarterback Erik Glavic, now with the Calgary Dinos, is one of eight nominees for the BLG Award as Canadian Interuniversity Sport's athlete of the year. Glavic, who represents Canada West for the male honour, won the second Hec Crighton award of his career last fall.

METRO HALIFAX



Stakes high for Rainmen

Club hopes to leave behind poor finish and start playoffs with win



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The Halifax Rainmen are getting a clean slate. The way things went down the stretch, they can use it.

The Rainmen's championship aspirations took a hit in the second half of the Premier Basketball League season, as they lost five of their final nine games and squeaked into the playoffs by the narrowest of margins.

With the Lawton-Fort Sill Cavalry visiting the Metro Centre tonight at 7 p.m. for Game 1 of the PBL's best-of-three semifinal, the Rainmen are hoping to use their topsy-turvy finish as a learning experience.

"You can't get anywhere without facing adversity," said Rainmen scoring

Did you know?

• The Halifax Rainmen will make Nova Scotia sports history tonight. Tonight's clash against the Lawton-Fort Sill Cavalry at the Metro Centre is believed to be the first playoff game in Halifax's pro basketball history. The Rainmen, founded in 2007, have never

been to the playoffs, either in the PBL or the American Basketball Association. The Windjammers, who played in the World Basketball League in 1991 and 1992 and the National Basketball League in 1993 and 1994, also never made the playoffs.

leader Tony Bennett. "The losses we had, we can't do nothin' but learn from them. Hopefully we don't have anymore losses the rest of the year."

The Rainmen haven't been able to close out opponents in the late stages of games. Four of their final five losses came in overtime, as the Rainmen missed free throws, lacked composure at both ends of the floor, and couldn't hit shots when they needed to.

That's a big concern given the fact the first-place Cavalry have won 15 straight games and are likely to push the game to the final minutes.

"There have been all kinds of little things that have caught us," said Rainmen head coach Les Berry. "But I think we're prepared for those situations a little better now."

The Cavalry will test the Rainmen all over the floor, with heavyweight big men such as Shawn

Daniels and Wayne Marshall who will push them around, and speedy, slashing guards such as MVP candidate DeAnthony Bowden who can burn them.

The teams have met three times this season, with the Cavalry winning twice.

"These guys know us and we know them," Berry said. "It's whoever makes more shots and who's more composed in crucial situations."

The Rainmen have struggled on the road with a 4-6 record and realize the stakes are high tonight, with Games 2 and 3, if necessary, in Oklahoma.

"The first game is very, very critical," Berry said.

"We'd like to get off to a good start and put some pressure on them going back home."

Tried and tested Cavalry ready for 'dogfight'

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PBL The Lawton-Fort Sill Cavalry are no strangers to success.

Although it's well-documented the Cavalry have not lost since Jan. 22 and have ripped apart the Premier Basketball League on a 15-game winning rampage, the Oklahoma-based franchise has been down this road before.

The Cavalry posted a sparkling 65-26 record over the past three seasons and won back-to-back titles in the Continental Basketball Association before migrating to the PBL this season.

"They've been doing this for three years now," said Rainmen head coach Les Berry, whose club meets



Lawton-Fort Sill Cavalry head coach Michael Ray Richardson.

the Cavalry in Game 1 of the PBL best-of-three semifinals tonight at 7 p.m. at the Metro Centre.

"They have a lot of chemistry and a lot of pieces offensively and defensively. They're athletic and they're big and strong."

Six players — DeAnthony Bowden, Elvin Mims,

Shawn Daniels, Tim Ellis, Brandon Dean and Eddie Smith — played for the Cavalry last year and all but Ellis and Mims were around two years ago. It's the kind of roster continuity rarely seen in minor-pro hoops.

The Cavalry also boasts a head coach with a famous

profile in Michael Ray Richardson, a former NBA all-star who was banned for life after eight seasons for violating the league's drug policy three times.

Richardson is excited to get started.

"I want to win it," Richardson said. "It's a great matchup. We have to use our size and our speed, not have turnovers, take care of the basketball and make good defensive stops. We know it's going to be a dogfight."

The Rainmen are clear underdogs in the series and realize they can't sit back and wait for the Cavalry to slip up. History shows they won't.

"They're not going to beat themselves," Berry said. "They know how to win basketball games."

Sprained knee could sideline Bedford's Jazic for six weeks

MLS Ante Jazic can't shake the injury bug.

For the third straight season, the Major League Soccer standout from Bedford has found himself sidelined with an untimely injury, suffering a sprained knee last weekend that could keep him out of Chivas USA's lineup for four to six weeks.

The medial collateral ligament injury occurred in just the third game of the MLS season.

The 34-year-old defender missed the start of the 2008 season after undergoing major ankle surgery in December 2007, struggling after rushing back too soon. He returned healthy in

2009, only to suffer a concussion on the eve of the regular season that forced

him out for more than three months.

After coming back from the concussion last season, Jazic played 1,090 minutes in 13 games and finished strong to work his way back on the national team. He served as team captain for a friendly against Jamaica in January and was hopeful for a big season before the setback. "I had a great pre-season," Jazic told Metro. "I was feeling fit, and health-wise this was one of my best seasons."

Jazic has said he intends to play at least through 2011 before retiring.

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CFL gets new two-point rule for OT

The CFL's board of governors has approved a rule change requiring teams to go for a two-point convert in overtime rather than kick for a single point. The proposal was brought forward by the league's rules committee. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Sens surprise Pens

Second-period surge puts Ottawa up for good

(Ottawa leads 1-0)

Senators 5 Penguins 4

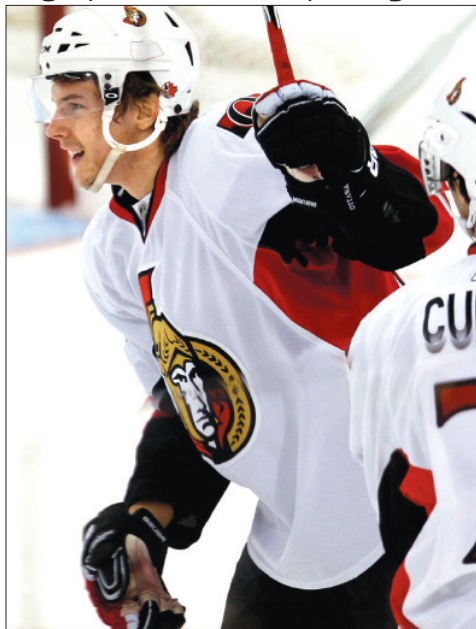


Erik Karlsson and Chris Kelly scored on power plays in the second period and the Ottawa Senators ignored their underdog tag, surprising the Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins with a 5-4 victory in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference first-round series last night.

Evgeni Malkin scored twice following penalties on Peter Regin, the first barely three minutes into the game, but the Penguins looked mostly flat and uninspired for long periods in beginning their bid to become the NHL's first repeat champion since Detroit in 1998.

Sidney Crosby, who piled up 15 points in his final five regular-season games, had three assists but was held without a shot until getting two in the third period and the Penguins — seemingly unprepared for Ottawa's defensive pressure — were held to a single shot during a stretch lasting 21 minutes, 53 seconds. Ottawa constantly matched shutdown defencemen Anton Volchenkov and Chris Phillips against the Crosby line.

The Senators, one of the



Ottawa's Erik Karlsson celebrates his second-period goal last night against Pittsburgh during NHL playoff action.

biggest underdogs of the first-round qualifiers, went from being down a goal to being up 3-1 during that period as Regin, Chris Neil and Kelly scored — quieting a crowd of 17,132 that clearly arrived expecting another long playoff run by the home team.

Goalie Brian Elliott gave up four goals on 21 shots in his playoff debut, but made several big stops on Alexei Ponikarovsky and Malkin

in the second period as the Penguins pressed to tie it following Malkin's second goal, at 10:22.

Instead, the 19-year-old Karlsson restored Ottawa's two-goal lead less than three minutes later, collecting a rebound of a shot from the left point by Matt Cullen that rebounded off Mike Fisher in front and wristing it into a wide-open corner of the net to make it 4-2.

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Raps beat Knicks but miss playoffs

NBA DeMar DeRozan had a career-high 24 points as the Toronto Raptors beat the New York Knicks 131-113 last night, but fell short of reaching the NBA post-season.

Toronto (40-42) did what it had to do, and did so in entertaining fashion. With injured forward Chris Bosh (facial fractures) watching from the sidelines in what could be his final game as a Toronto Raptor, his team set a season high in scoring — buoyed by 24 points from Andrea Bargnani and 21 from Amir Johnson.

But Toronto also needed Chicago to lose in Charlotte, and the Bulls didn't comply — they defeated the Bobcats 98-89 to lock up eighth spot in the Eastern Conference.

Chicago will open the playoffs against the top-seeded Cleveland Cavaliers, while the Raptors will miss the post-season for the seventh time in nine seasons.

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Boucher stops 23 shots as Flyers stun Devils in Game 1

NHL RESULTS

Flyers 2 Devils 1



NHL Brian Boucher had 23 saves in his first playoff start in eight years and the Philadelphia Flyers beat the New Jersey Devils 2-1 in Game 1 of their first-round Eastern Conference series last night.

Chris Pronger and Mike Richards scored second-period goals as the Flyers rode the momentum of claiming the NHL's last playoff berth on the final day of the regular season to yet another win over New Jersey.

While the Flyers are the No. 7 seed in the conference, they won five of six games against the Devils in the regular season and second-seeded New Jersey had few answers in the post-sea-

son against a rock-solid Boucher.

With the win, the Flyers grabbed home-ice advantage, heading into Friday night's game in the best-of-7 series, which also will be played at the Prudential Center.

The loss has to be a major concern for the Devils, who have been knocked out of the playoffs in the opening round the last two seasons. New Jersey gave its unhappy fans some hope when Travis Zajac scored on a somewhat flubbed slap-shot that seemed to bounce in front of Boucher with 2:43 to play.

But, the Devils' performance was so inept that their fans were booing the Atlantic Division winners at the end of the second period and near the end of a four-minute power play early in the third period, an advantage that resulted in two shots.

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Sports in brief

SOCCER Arsenal lost 2-1 at fierce local rival Tottenham yesterday with a performance that manager Arsene Wenger said cost his team the chance to win the Premier League title.

Tottenham had its first league win over Arsenal in 11 years and stopped the Gunners from moving ahead of Manchester United into second place.

HOCKEY Austin Czarnik scored twice as the United States beat Switzerland 5-1 for its first win of the IIHF World U18 Championship yesterday.

NFL The Denver Broncos have traded wide receiver Brandon Marshall to the Miami Dolphins for a second-round pick in next week's draft and another second-rounder in 2011. Marshall caught 101 passes last season for 1,120 yards and a career-best 10 TDs, but his four-year stint in Denver was filled with run-ins with the law.

BLUE JAYS Carlos Quentin drove in a career-best six runs with a grand slam and a double as the Chicago White Sox defeated the Toronto Blue Jays 11-1 yesterday before a crowd of 10,610, the lowest in Rogers Centre history.

BASEBALL Jorge Cantu of the Florida Marlins homered last night, making him the first player in major league history to have at least one hit and one RBI in each of his first nine games.

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Tee up your swing season

Hospitality, world class courses and amazing scenery found in Nova Scotia

JON TATTIE
for Metro Halifax



From the welcoming links of the South Shore to the majestic hills of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia offers a range of golf courses at a range of prices.

David Campbell is executive director of the Nova Scotia Golf Association and he's played from Yarmouth to Sydney. He shared some

highlights with Metro.

"Cape Breton is a unique area and the courses there tend to have a lot more undulation and they're accented by beautiful views," says Campbell. "Cape Breton has done a good job of marketing itself as a golfing destination in Canada."

While Cape Breton boasts

of the Fab Four — Dundee, Bell Bay, Le Portage and the Highland Links — the South Shore brags of the Affordable Four — River Hills, West Pubnico, Yarmouth and Clare.

"The South Shore is excellent value with some real hidden gems. Clare is arguably one of the best golf courses in Nova Scotia," Campbell says.

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Top: View from the practice range at Granite Springs Golf Club in Halifax. Bottom: Chester Golf Club in Chester.

"The hospitality on the South Shore is really first rate. When you go to one of their courses, you feel like you're at home."

The Annapolis Valley also has superb courses such as Ken-Wo, Eagle Crest Greenwood, Eden and others.

Northern Nova Scotia has some great greens, including Amherst, Springhill and Debert. "Northumberland Links is one of the top courses in the province. It's got great ocean views," he says. "And, of course, there's Fox Harb'r, a diamond in the rough. That's a real high-end and exclusive course. Apparently, it's second to none."

City golfers don't have to go far to hit the links, with Granite Springs, Pin-Hi, Ashburn, Oakfield and Brightwood catering to a range of golfers. Glen Arbour hosted the 2006 Canadian Women's Open, marking it

as a world-class facility.

"HRM is unique in that it has just about every type of course you'd want to play," Campbell says.

Dartmouth offers course such as Grandview and Links of Montague. "It is

one of the nicest nine-hole golf courses I've ever set foot on," he says of Montague. "It's well maintained and has a strong junior and ladies program."

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Warming up before hitting links

A good warm-up consists of some stretching (especially when the weather isn't warm), practice putting, pitching and some practice swings. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Prep helps prevent injuries

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for Metro Halifax

For those golfers looking to avoid injuries, "Ease into the season," says one physiotherapist.

"You can't start (out) playing four days a week," says Jan Leonard, a physiotherapist at the Young Kempt Physiotherapy and Massage Therapy Centre.

Easing into the season also involves preparing for it by going to the driving range long before someone plays their first round. At the driving range, Leonard says people often start out by hitting balls with their drivers, but

they should be using shorter clubs, then working their way up to the longer ones because you "create more rotation and more torque with the longer clubs."

It's also important to have a full range of motion to minimize the risk of injury,

"You can't start (out) playing four days a week."

Jan Leonard, physiotherapist

says Julia Mitchell, a physiotherapist at The Physioclinic.

"Lots of people don't really think about range of motion with golf, but you really need to make sure you're flexible enough through the back and the hips and the shoulders and have a full range of motion for the entire golf swing in order to prevent an injury," she says.

Purse power on the golf green

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax

One in four new golfers are female and women tend to spend more money on the greens than men, but many golf courses still treat them as an afterthought, says Jane Watson, president of the Executive Women's Golf Association.

"Golf courses don't realize the power of the purse," she says. She cites forward tees that are dumped on the side of the fairway as an example.

"It's not manicured or mown — it's bad. It's not friendly at all," she says. She's also had a groundskeeper fire up his lawnmower as she was

about to drive. "If the men were there, they'd stop," she says. "But the women don't really count."

Watson also recommends courses tap into the female golfer's tastes in food and drink at the on-course carts and the clubs. Not every body wants beer and a hamburger, she says.

"Washrooms, of course, are an issue. It would be nice if there was at least one washroom out there that is kept supplied," she suggests. Men may slip into the trees when nature calls,

but women prefer something a little more planned. "Some courses don't care if women come out or not," she says, but it's worth caring.

Women tend to spend more in pro shops and, as social golfers, they tend to bring their husbands and friends. Ted Stonehouse is the general manager at Bell Bay Golf Club, which prides itself on welcoming women.

Part of that is seeing golf as a social as well as sporting event. Women often prefer to learn in groups,

whereas men often opt for private lessons, so they cater to both approaches.

The monthly Nine and Dine offers a more relaxed approach to golfing, accompanied by a meal that is not limited to beer and burgers.

"We tell them, you don't have to play every hole," Stonehouse says. "If you're having a rough hole, just pick it up, enjoy the scenery and throw it down a little closer to the green. Have some fun."

The forward tees are thoughtfully laid out, he says, and at certain time slots golfers can play nine holes, or even six holes, as their schedules permit.

And yes, they have washrooms throughout the course.

Get your golf gear on

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As the golf season gets started, new drivers are one of the most popular purchases at Golf Central in Bayers Lake and with good reason.

"Everyone in golf wants to hit it as far as you can and as straight as you can," says manager Patrick Logan. "It's always the driver's fault."

He recommends people get fit in store so the driver they buy matches their swing and has the appropriate loft and shaft flex.

One of the models generating a buzz this year is the Nike VR STR8-Fit driver, which retails for \$499.99.

"They actually have an adjustable head design so you can change it to help hit the ball in the direction

you need to and it also does change the loft slightly when you move the head into different positions," says Logan.

That means the club can be customized to a person's particular swing. Golfers' swings also change throughout the season, so the head can be adjusted again later.

Other popular drivers include the PING G15 (\$349.99) and the TaylorMade R9 Super TRI (\$449.99).

One of the most interesting recent developments in the golf world has been the

declining use of traditional pull carts.

"Generally, it's not a good idea to pull your cart," says Logan. "It's actually very bad for your shoulder and back."

This is where the Clicgear 3.0 push cart (\$229.99) comes into play. The three-wheeled cart is similar to the three-wheeled running strollers — so people push the cart, rather than pull it.

On the clothing front, Logan says bolder colours and brighter designs are becoming more commonplace.

Loudmouth Golf is at the forefront of this movement. It is the company that designed the pants the Norwegian men's curling team wore at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics. Golf Central carries both pants (\$99.99) and shorts (\$89.99) by Loudmouth.

"They're all pretty wild," says Logan.



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Gardening

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It's garden time!

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With a few warm weekends already under our gardening tool belts, yards have begun begging for some early attention.

Business is blooming at gardening centres, with outdoor season having kicked off early this year. Amin Dato, manager at Sheridan Nurseries Ltd. in Toronto, called this surge of early-season business "phenomenal."

While readying for the season by cleaning up grass, tending to flower beds and lining up vegetables to plant, so starts the annual strategizing of yard design, as home owners contemplate how to make their backyards sing louder than the birds in their birdbaths. "The backyard is your outdoor living room," said Dato, who has been with Sheridan Nurseries for 35 years. "The pride in accomplishing a nice garden — it's something that not only you enjoy, it's something that you feel good about."



Left: The **Arches Lantern** has a bell shape that recalls the French clothes used to shelter young plants from frost. Pottery Barn, \$28-\$99, potterybarn.com. Centre: Crafted of lightweight and weather resistant resin, these **Grecian Urns** go for \$59 to \$119 and come in stone, chocolate and matte black, Ballard Designs, ballarddesigns.com. Right: Inspired by the vibrant colors of Tuscany, the **Chianna Fountain** is hand crafted of high-fired ceramic tiles Ballard Designs, \$269, ballarddesigns.com.



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Gardening up high

HomeScope

Sylvia Putz

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now have a cute, little sedum-bedecked green roof on a new, flat-topped shed in my backyard. And my goodness, for such a teensy project, did we ever have to do a lot of research and development.

A green roof, for those who don't know, is just as it sounds — plants growing on a flat-topped roof. It can be elaborate, such as it might be on a condo rooftop, with planter boxes, walking paths, bushes and small trees, with built-in irrigation. Or it can be simple, and may consist of hardy, low-growing plants without access, like that on a porch overhang or other flat-roofed sections of a house or shed.

The biggest benefit of a green roof for a large city is that it increases the space that can absorb rainwater. Other direct benefits for home owners and urban dwellers are reduced energy costs, better soundproofing and better visual appeal.

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Don't miss these finds at yard sales

Vintage draperies: Make a bedskirt and large pillows, slipcover a chair or simply frame the fabric if it is special.
Champagne buckets: Plant an orchid in it or use it to hold kitchen utensils on the counter. **KARL LOHNES/FOR METRO CANADA**

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Time to go bohemian

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bright yellow and attach new hardware for character.

Transform vintage drapery fabrics into pillows and a bedskirt for the bed. Need a sewer? Ask the local drycleaners, inquire at a fabric store or call your grandma.

Add a modern shade to an old lamp. Places like Walmart and Zellers have incredible lampshades for sale; I suggest

here's a new look starting to emerge in home decor stores; it's a colourful, Gypsy-like style that reminds me a bit of the psychedelic '70s era.

Bright colours, bold prints and flea market style is like taking grandma's furniture and giving it new perspective; imagine a Victorian chaise lounge re-upholstered with a high-tech fabric, or an old Queen-Anne dresser being painted high gloss pink. This sort of decorating can help add a lot of character to a bland interior and also inject antique-shapes with a modern esthetic. Many of the home and fashion retailers have this look; Anthropologie, Pier1, Elte and Urban Outfitters are just a few culprits. Its mixing the best of antiques with the contemporary trends of tomorrow.

With yard sales and flea markets just around the corner, it's a great time to scout for vintage decorative pieces that you can give new life to.

Its not only a green and chic way to decorate, it also a great way to have a customized look in your home and save some money.

Here are a few fun projects that you can take on

Paint an old dresser: Use high-gloss paint to add shine with a high-fashion paint colour like dark grey or



Anthropologie's Bergere Chair takes an updated look with a large floral print.

embellishing them with a simple strip of ribbon or glueing bright silk flowers for the bohemian look.

Re-frame funky artwork with an up-to-date frame. An alternative would be to paint the existing frame with a splash of colour.

Things to look for at yard sales

Birdcages: Turn into a lamp, grow plants in them, attach to wall as storage.

Camel back sofas: The curvy shapes are trendy but remember to re-upholster in a funky fabric rather than anything traditional.

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A piece of purse history

The story behind one of the most iconic purses: The Chanel 2.55

HEATHER BUCHAN
for Metro Canada



Purses have always been the must-have accessory of fashion-conscious women.

But only a handful have reached iconic status, worn by the rich and famous, coveted by the rest of the world and imitated the world over.

Of those, none have as intriguing a story as Chanel's 2.55 handbag, favoured by the likes of Jackie Kennedy and Princess Diana.

The story begins 55 years ago in Paris when French couturier Coco Chanel first debuted her 2.55 handbag in February 1955, the date after which the purse is named. At the time, it was quite revolutionary, introducing the shoulder strap to women's purses.

Made of metal chains intertwined with strips of leather, the strap enabled women to carry a purse over their arm, thereby freeing their hands that had previously been occupied holding a purse.

The bag's now-famous quilted exterior, created by diamond-shaped top stitching, was reportedly inspired by the stained-glass windows of the abbey in the French town where Coco grew up.

Virginie Vincens, Chanel's public relations



The iconic Chanel 2.55 handbag was quite revolutionary when it was first introduced in 1955; it debuted the shoulder strap, which enabled women to carry a purse over their arm for the first time.



director for Canada, explains that there's a whopping seven pockets inside the purse. "The interior gusseted pockets hold business cards or notebooks," she says. "There's the rounded rear pocket, nicknamed the 'Mona Lisa Smile,' the little pocket in the middle, de-



The purse's burgundy lining was reportedly inspired by Coco Chanel's orphanage uniform.

signed to hold lipstick, and the zipped pocket inside the flap, which is reserved for money and love notes."

Word has it that in Coco's own 2.55, that partic-

ular pocket is where she hid love letters from her various lovers.

Today, the 2.55, along with Chanel's other bags, are made at a production site in a town outside

Paris, where a staff of leather craftsmen, engineers and cutters assemble each bag from five lambskins — as only the softest part of the skin (the centre portion) — is used.

During assembly, "each bag is turned inside out, in keeping with Mademoiselle Chanel's firm belief in the importance of hidden luxury — the inside should be as good as the outside," says Vincens. The purse's burgundy lining was reportedly inspired by the colour of the uniforms at the orphanage where Coco grew up.

Once a bag is assembled, it's sent to high-tech climatic chambers to test its resistance to varying temperatures, UV rays, tearing and water. Finally, it's given a tracking sticker and certificate of authenticity.

It's this remarkable craftsmanship and painstaking attention to detail — about a dozen people spend an average of 18 hours crafting each handbag — that propelled Chanel's 2.55 to iconic status in the accessories pantheon. It has transcended fashion trends and fads over the past half-century as a timeless classic.

But you better start saving if you want to call a Chanel 2.55 your own. It'll set you back (gulp) \$3,200. But then, you're buying a little piece of fashion history. Some would say that's priceless.

Affordable lines by notable names

LOW-COST It seems there is no shortage of top-tier designers looking to bring their high-end style and fashion sensibilities to low-cost lines.

Since Karl Lagerfeld teamed up with Swedish fashion chain H&M on an exclusive collection in 2004, the number of high-fashion notables lending their names and creative talents to special collections for mass retailers has skyrocketed and shows no signs of abating.

American designer Zac Posen is among the latest to join the affordable apparel fold. He is creating a collection for U.S. retailer Target, slated for release later this month.

Canada's Alfred Sung has been among those carving out his own niche in affordable apparel with his line for Zellers. Pure Alfred Sung launched last year with professional separates and accessories. It has expanded this spring and summer to bring casual wear, footwear, outerwear and accessories into the mix, with apparel pieces retailing for under \$40, and select pieces in plus sizing.

Right: Pure Alfred Sung spring 2010 collection.



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Juno lineup

Deadmau5, Hedley, and Newfoundland and Labrador natives Damhnait Doyle, Great Big Sea, and Kim Stockwood have joined Sunday's Juno broadcast. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Strong debut for Young Rival

Young Rival

Album: Young Rival

Label: Sonic Unyon

Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕

THE GUITARS CRASH

through the garage doors of this album with the raw power of early Iggy Pop. Yet the vocals are nasally British-invasion-era Kinks and Yardbirds. It's a mix that could only come after six or seven years playing the gritty bars of Hamilton, Ont. Young Rival plays tight, four-minute bottle drainers, not quite retro-Mod, not-quite punk. And they're very good at what they do. If the guitars don't lead you to the edge,



the bass and drums will push you over. A very strong album debut.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

MGMT

Album: Congratulations

Label: Columbia/Sony Music

Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕

IF EVERY BAND

followed up a successful album the way MGMT has, the music world would be a much more interesting place. The group's first release since the popular electro-pop Oracular Spectacular is a complete departure from the sound that made them famous. Instead of club-ready dance hits, the group takes up



Beach Boys, psychedelia, new wave and more. Some will find it harder to find the hooks, but when you do you'll see this is an excellent, well-crafted, unpredictable and still infectious listen.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Cancer Bats

Album: Bears, Mayors,

Scraps and Bones

Label: Distort

Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕

DON'T LET THE cover of the Beastie Boys' Sabotage fool you — Cancer Bats merely tacked it for kicks. What precedes it is 13 slabs of crusty, punk-infused metalcore that strikes like a



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brick to the face. Having tasted success both here and in the U.K., the Toronto band's third album definitely sets them up to become the anomaly in Canada's aggressive music scene. You can still hear the sum of their influences loud and clear (Pantera, Cursed, Converge), but originality is a non-issue when it comes to the catchy choruses and unbridled vehemence that hemorrhage from within Cancer Bats.

Cam Lindsay/for Metro Canada



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Young Rival plays tight, four-minute bottle drainers, not quite retro-Mod, not-quite punk.

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	55	55	55	SCOR	HSR	Covers Experts	Score Today	Poker Canada Cup.	World Poker Tour		Court Cuts	
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	14	14	14	SPIKE	Ways to Die	The Hills Have Eyes ** (2006, Horror) Aaron Stanford, Vanessa Shaw.			The View (HDTV) (N)	(10:05) TNA Wrestling (HDTV)		
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	56	56	56	34 TROP	Planet Soap	Comeback	Reality	Whatever	Family Guy	Family Guy	Seinfeld	70s Show

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The Mentalist

Jane and Lisbon (Simon Baker, Robin Tunney) and the team are called to investigate a wealthy jeweler's murder while attending a black-tie fundraiser for the CBI in "A Price Above Rubies." Tim Kang, Owain Yeoman and Amanda Righetti also star. Callard Davis and Day Young guest star. 8 PM on CJCH



CSI: Crime Scene Investigation

When Hodges and Wendy (Wallace Langham, Liz Vassey) take a group of CSI Explorer Scouts from a local high school on a field trip, they can't help embellishing the roles they play in solving cases and wind up taking the assignment too far. Lucas Grabeel ("High School Musical") and Sheri Rappaport guest star in the new episode "Field Mice." 10 PM on CBS CJCH

The First 48

Sgt. Craig Clouton and his team are forced to rely on an eyewitness to help identify suspects as they investigate the case of a man who was killed while being robbed in the new episode "In Harm's Way." Then Alabama detectives break through lies from their only witness while searching for who killed a mother of two who was shot in the back outside her car in "Jealous Rage." 10 PM on A&E



For April 14th

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- 6 Down With Webster - Your Man
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The hot spec script Jackie, about the immediate days following President Kennedy's assassination, is getting the big screen treatment with Academy-Award winning actress Rachel Weisz now attached to play the late first lady. **EW.COM**



TV host Conan O'Brien has surprised the entertainment industry by signing a deal for a show with cable network TBS.

Cable networks catching up

Conan's move to TBS latest example of growing trend

If you believe the headlines, Conan O'Brien's decision to sign with cable's TBS is "shocking."

Really, though, only Fox should be shocked — at how O'Brien was spirited away at a time the network acted like it had little competition for the

late-night comic's services. It's another example of how cable networks, while not quite on par with broadcasters, are getting closer every day.

"I certainly don't think anybody going to cable today is shocking," said Michele Ganeless, Comedy

Central's executive vice-president and general manager.

"Whether it's comedy or drama, cable has been leading the way over the last five years."

As a cable guy, O'Brien has plenty of company. Oprah Winfrey is starting her own network, ending her broadcast show and committing to appearances at her place. Sarah Palin has programs at both Fox News Channel and Discovery. The college football national championship is moving to cable.

The phrases "broadcast network" and "cable network" are swiftly becoming an anachronism.

Less than 10 per cent of American homes received TV signals by broadcast in February, or 11.1 million, the Nielsen Co. said. In 1999, a quarter of American homes were broadcast homes, and had no access to TBS, USA, TLC and 24-

hour news.

Now, TBS is seen in more than 100 million of the nation's 114.9 million television homes. Given the trouble that some Fox affiliates were having in clearing time for him all across the country, O'Brien may debut before more people next fall on TBS than he would have at Fox.

"There is no broadcast-versus-cable war anymore," said TBS President Steve Koonin. "It only exists in the minds of the advertisers. This will be the third year that Koonin tells advertisers about his fall schedule during the same May week that has traditionally been set aside for the broadcasters. His message is plain: Treat us equally."

"Cable has had parity in late-night for a while," said television analyst Steven Sternberg. "It just hasn't had it in the press."

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FILM RIGHTS Columbia Pictures has bought the English-language movie rights to the popular Millennium trilogy by late crime novelist Stieg Larsson, a Swedish film production company said Wednesday. More than 12 million copies of Larsson's trilogy, which starts with *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*, have been sold globally.

TV Nadya Suleman's attorney says the octuplets' mother will appear on *The Oprah Winfrey Show* next week and discuss how she is raising her 14 kids. Jeff Czech told the Orange County Register on Tuesday that Oprah sent a TV crew to film at Suleman's La Habra home last week.

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Seasons Bistro at Atlantica (formerly Holiday Inn) has a fabulous view of the Halifax Common. Three of us are here for lunch and inexplicably it's almost deserted.

The tasty Arugula Salad (\$9) boasts an attractive array of arugula, roasted pear, tomatoes, honey roasted walnuts and crumbled blue cheese, tossed



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with sharp cider vinaigrette.

My friend's Curry Chicken Wrap (\$12) is so substantial that she takes half home.

The whole-wheat tortilla shell is wrapped around chunks of grilled chicken, apple, celery and lettuce and is accompanied by a fresh, green salad.

I can't resist trying the Mushroom Croustini (\$9): roasted button mushrooms, red onion jam and goat cheese on grilled focaccia.



Clockwise from left: Arugula Salad (\$9); Mushroom Croustini (\$9); Curry Chicken Wrap (\$12)

It's a bit unusual and quite delicious. My Spinach Salad (\$5.50 as a side) is first-rate with baby spinach, shaved Irish cheddar, cherry tomatoes, portabella mushroom slivers, a poppy seed dressing and balsamic glaze.

A shared slice of Chocolate Cheesecake (\$7) hits the spot. Our server is friendly and prompt and certainly deserves to be busier.



Dining out

LEBANESE EXPERIENCE Kababji Restaurant, 202 Brownlow Ave., Dartmouth, features Lebanese Mezza, a selection of appetizers followed by barbecued Shish Taouk and Kefta. Reserva-

tions are necessary for this meal (\$30). Ask about Arabian night entertainment. Call 468-5555 or visit kababji.ca

GREEK BRUNCH Opa Taverna, 1565 Argyle St., serves brunch each Saturday from

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The menu includes Eggs Marathon, Lamb Chops and Eggs, and Saganaki and Sausage. Call 492-7999 or visit opataverna.com

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Global Peasant blog online

- Travel along with Diane Thompson's culinary adventures in her Global Peasant blog.
- Check out metronews.ca/globalpeasant to find out what it's like at a recipe testing for Beer Brats Sausages.



In brief

WINE SCHOOL The Shades of Pinot, with Simon Rafuse, this Saturday at The Grill at Cut, Lower Water Street, Halifax, at 4 p.m. The program costs \$35 plus taxes and includes instruction, course materials and samples of five wines. To book: email mark@bytheglass.ca

BEST IN KINGS Le Caveau Restaurant, Grand Pre, won Best of Fine Dining in Eastern Kings Chamber of Commerce "Best of Kings" awards. Domaine de Grand Pre won Best Winery and Just Us Café in Wolfville won Best Coffee Shop.

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Following a popular trend in media for *au natural* photography, UK's Daily Mail reports that Britney Spears has allowed her recent photo shoot for Candie's to be released — untouched, popeater.com reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Not mastering marriage

BUT HE'S TAKE A SWING AT PARRING THINGS UP SINCE HE'S ALREADY USED HIS MULLIGAN. YEAH, I WENT THERE He's gone to rehab and resumed his golf career, but Tiger Woods' marriage is as wobbly as ever sources are saying. People magazine reports.

The magazine notes Woods' wife Elin Nordegren skipped the golf star's big comeback at the Masters and was described as disgusted and outraged by his Nike commercial featuring a voiceover by his late father.

After Woods finished the tournament, coming in fourth, Nordegren flew out of Florida without her husband and their two children — they were left with

nannies — for a destination unknown, friends say.

"Elin was violently angry over this commercial and thought it was a cheesy thing to do," one friend tells People.

"She wouldn't have gone near the Masters under any condition, but that just made her madder. She is over Tiger. I wouldn't be surprised if she files for divorce sometime soon."

So far, though, it's only been talk among friends, the magazine adds. No

gal papers have been filed, and it hasn't even been confirmed that she's retained a divorce attorney.

Still, another friend says Nordegren has run out of patience with Woods, taking offense with his return to golf — she had been led to believe he was going to take more time off.

At home in Florida, while Woods competed in Georgia, Nordegren didn't watch a broadcast of the tournament, using the TV instead for movies and videos for the children.

"She's so far beyond hurt now. If she were angry or if she hated him, they might still have a chance to work it out. But she's beyond that. She's numb. She just doesn't care anymore," a source adds.

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Did he touch Heidi's heinie?

OF COURSE HE DIDN'T! HE HAS A SILICONE ALLERGY Lauren Conrad is dismissing an Internet report alleging that Hills creator Adam DiVello sexually harassed Heidi Montag, usmagazine.com reports.

"Similar to most of my fellow MTV cast mates, I am in utter shock at the allegations made against Adam DiVello," she tells the website in a statement.

"Not only are they completely absurd, but they are 100 per cent without merit. Adam is a true professional and a wonderful person to work for."

Citing multiple sources, celeb blogger Perez Hilton wrote Tuesday that DiVello al-

legedly touched Montag, 23, inappropriately on her buttocks and "lower back" after she underwent her 10 cosmetic procedures.

Montag and her husband Spencer Pratt "are very close to bringing legal action against the show," an insider told Hilton.

Sources also told Hilton that DiVello allegedly made inappropriate advances toward Lauren Conrad, which Conrad, 24, denies.

An MTV spokesperson tells Us: "We have looked into this matter and the allegations made against Adam DiVello are completely false and without merit"

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ROB THOMAS is a well-compensated traveler, **LINDSAY LOHAN** is fed up with Perez Hilton, **AND JUSTIN BIEBER** wants Conan O'Brien to back off.

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The proof is in the pouf

She may be the self-proclaimed "Queen of Reality" but even Jersey Shore's Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi must admit that it's her hair that's become biggest star of them all, people.com reports.

In a new video promoting Pantene's World's First Reality Hair Star competition — where one winner will star in the company's first live commercial in May — the outspoken 22-year-old flaunts her dark locks while explaining just why her long tresses reign supreme.

"I have the greatest hair ever. It's thick, it's naturally straight and I can pretty much do whatever I want to it," she says. "My hair can have its own TV show."

The petite reality star even demonstrates the veracity of her signature hair pouf by clipping a mound of hair into a towering bob.

"It's real, there's no extensions, sweeties," she explains, then adds: "Every girl's trying to do the pouf and they can't because it's my pouf!"



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Taking to the stage (school)

HER DAD'S A DANCER, HER MOM'S AN POP IDOL, WEIRD THAT SHE WANTS TO PERFORM TOO Madonna's daughter has enrolled in a prestigious New York stage school, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Lourdes — the singer's 13-year-old child with fitness trainer Carlos Leon — currently takes acting classes in Manhattan, but is now said to have auditioned for

LaGuardia High School of Music and Art and Performing Arts, which is dubbed the "Fame school" due to its appearance in the movie Fame.

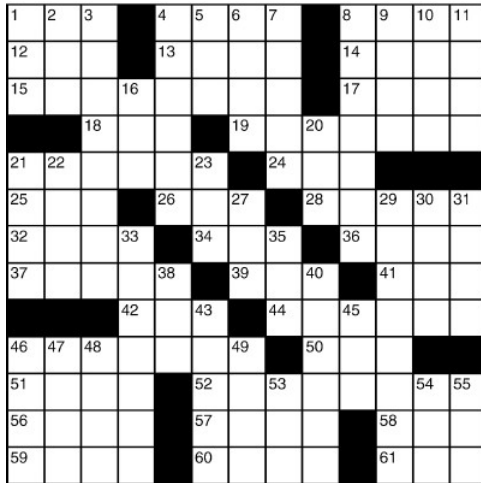
However, some students at the school are concerned the singer's daughter is getting preferential treatment by having a private audition, rather than the usual public one.



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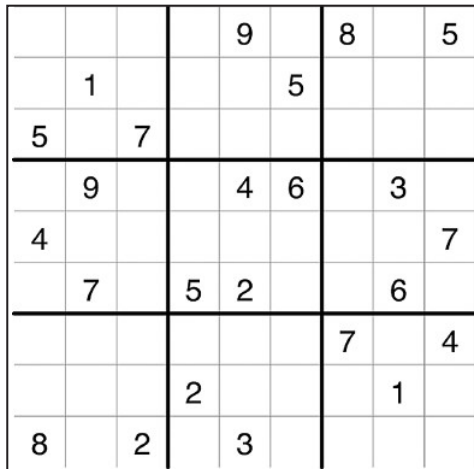
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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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Metro Recipe of the Day



Parmesan Crusted Chicken

Submitted by Paula Bowman

PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES

COOK TIME: 15 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:

2 egg whites, lightly beaten
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
4 (6-7oz) skinless, boneless chicken breasts
2 cups finely grated Parmesan cheese
1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves, chopped

METHOD:

1. Preheat broiler to high and set oven rack to top position. Lightly oil a rimmed sheet pan with olive oil and set aside.
2. Meanwhile, mix egg whites with Dijon mustard and set aside. Place chicken breasts on a cutting board. With a knife parallel to the cutting board, cut chicken breasts in half lengthwise to create two thin chicken

breast cutlets. Working with one cutlet at a time, dip chicken into egg white mixture and then coat in Parmesan cheese and place on prepared sheet pan.
3. Broil chicken breasts until crunchy and golden on one side, flip over and continue to cook on other side until cooked through, about 4 minutes per side. Toss carrots with walnuts just before serving. Divide chicken cutlets and carrot mixture among four plates and serve with any remaining broth from pan.

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20

As an Aries you enjoy a battle of wits occasionally. You don't have to give in and walk away but you do have to recognize where the real power resides.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23

Try not to take your fears too seriously. This is only a passing phase so, let it pass.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21

If you come on too strong today you will almost certainly turn people against you. Get the balance right.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22

You don't have to sacrifice pleasure for duty today but if you do you will feel good about yourself.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21

Set yourself targets that are easy to reach. You may think you can do anything but it won't be that easy today.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21

If you try to fit in with others' ideas of how you should behave there will be disappointment all round.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22

The reason you have lost interest in something is because your attitude towards it has changed. Help others see it too

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20

This is not a good day to say or do anything that might upset people who are important to you, either in a personal or a professional sense.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23

There may be a thousand and one things you want to do but your time and your energy are limited, so don't overdo it.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18

If you come on too strong with your opinions today you will merely succeed in making other people hold on more tightly to their own.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22

This is not a good time to risk your hard-earned cash on risky enterprises. Be especially wary of people who talk a good deal.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20

You need to have more confidence in yourself. One of your ideas is not just good, it's great, and you should be shouting about it from the rooftops.

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